



First Presbyterian Church

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MOUNT HOLLY NC

Hello!

Many, many years ago, as part of a youth mission trip, I traveled to Buckhorn, Kentucky where we served the community that has now been devastated by floods. We worshiped in the Buckhorn Lake Area Presbyterian Church known as the "Log Cathedral." A former colleague has shared first hand about the tragic losses in the communities there and of how difficult it is just to live while experiencing such loss. That place and that experience is a connection point for me even these many years later. Being connected has long been considered one of the blessings of our denomination.

Being connected as Presbyterians also means that when disaster strikes, the PC (USA) has a response at the ready to help our siblings in Christ. It has been my practice to let you know about opportunities to assist through our denomination, should you wish. Information on assistance for flood relief is provided below.

On another note, I'm not sure where those "lazy, hazy days of summer" have gone! Somehow September is just around the corner! With it comes a whole array of new activities and mission projects and opportunities to "be the church." You will see in this newsletter, in our Session Highlights and announcements, that FPC is living out its call to be faithful in some exciting and meaningful ways. Enjoy this issue, join in where you wish, and may we all continue to be guided and energized by God's Spirit among us!

Blessings,

Janet

Hymn Sing—August 28

Come and make a joyful noise as we sing our praises to God during worship on August 28. Thank you for submitting your favorite hymns for this musical service! (Also, be sure to bring your reading glasses as we will sing some of the hymns directly from the hymnal! LOL!)



Donut Sunday—Sept. 4

Join us for worship at 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, donuts, and worship around the table. Come a few minutes early if you like for a chance to visit with one another!

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Donations may be mailed to:

PC(USA)
PO Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Note: US Flooding DR000191

Or to give via credit card, call:

800-872-3283

Worship on the Lawn September 25 at 10:00

One of the "gifts" that Covid introduced to us has been our occasional practice of worshipping out doors. We learned that we really enjoy that! Weather permitting we will do so on Sept. 25. We will have some chairs set up, but please bring your own if you are able!

Be sure to note the time which is 10:00. Sunday School classes will not

In Our Prayers

- The family of Sylvia Whitley following her passing
- Jewel Nixon upon the death of her brother
- John Bean recovering from knee surgery and in a brace for several months
- Paty and John Byrd during Paty's lengthy recovery
- Shannon Fish as she awaits surgery on Oct. 4
- All who struggle with health issues
- Safety for those who are in harm's way

Memorial Service

A Service of Worship in Witness to the Resurrection will be held in Thanksgiving for the Life of Sylvia Dunn Whitley on Sunday, August 28 at 2:00 in our sanctuary. Visitation will follow after the service in the Choir Room on the lower level.

Lantern Parade and FPC

Would you like to help make some lanterns to represent our church at the Mount Holly Lantern Parade? We're gathering a group together on **Saturday, Sept. 10 at 10:00** in our Activity Room to do so. Any number of people can help and it's super easy! All ages welcome!

The parade itself is Saturday, Oct. 22 for those who would like to carry the lanterns!

Overdose Remembrance Service at First Baptist

A Service of Remembrance will be held at First Baptist Church, Mount Holly for those who have lost a loved one to an overdose. All are welcome. Thursday, September 1 at 7:00 pm

Budget Update

Total budget 2022	\$189,601.00
YTD receipts	\$101,681.00
YTD CRO	\$537.00
YTD Daily Change (5 Cents)	\$447.59

Thank you for your ever-faithful giving for our ministry at First Presbyterian!



September Birthdays

Emily Massey	1
Bryson Lockridge	2
Owen Lockridge	2
Dennis Faith	5
Shayne Zonin	14
Stephanie Wells Gibson	15
Kim Clark	17
Stefanie Faith	25
Karen Jones	28

Session Highlights

The Session met on Sunday, August 14, and took the following actions:

- Decided to continue current Covid practices for worship.
- Discussed scheduling a future book/Bible study (topic and details to be determined). The community would also be invited to participate.
- Approved a request to baptize Paxton Zonin.
- Received the January – July budget report.
- Received a report that the annual audit for the church budget of 2021 had been successfully conducted. No discrepancies were found.
- Approved the Christian Education Committee's motion to use a new Matthew 25 Confirmation Curriculum from the PCUSA. This curriculum will help youth explore and identify their faith journey.
- Approved having an outdoor worship service on Sunday, September 25, at 10:00 a.m.
- Received information about our church's participation in packing food boxes at the Mt. Holly Farmer's Market.
- Received information that our Annual Pumpkin Patch will open on September 30. All proceeds will support the CRO.